

FARM NUMBERS

The 2008 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 81,000, the same as 2007. The number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class was the same as in 2007. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class remained unchanged from 2007, at 21,900 farms.

Farms in the \$100,000-\$249,000 economic sales class were 9,400, down 100 from 2007. Farms in the \$250,000-\$499,000 economic class were numbered at 6,400, unchanged from 2007. Farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class increased 100, to 6,800.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS,
AND AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1997-2008 1/**

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | | Average Size of Farms |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | | Number | 1,000 Acres | |
| 1997 | 81,000 | 29,100 | 359 | |
| 1998 | 80,000 | 28,600 | 357 | |
| 1999 | 81,000 | 28,200 | 348 | |
| 2000 | 81,000 | 27,900 | 344 | |
| 2001 | 81,000 | 27,800 | 343 | |
| 2002 | 80,900 | 27,800 | 344 | |
| 2003 | 80,000 | 27,600 | 345 | |
| 2004 | 79,600 | 27,400 | 344 | |
| 2005 | 79,600 | 27,200 | 342 | |
| 2006 | 79,300 | 27,000 | 340 | |
| 2007 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 | |
| 2008 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 | |

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**NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 2003-2008**

| Year | \$1,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$99,999 | \$100,000-\$249,999 | \$250,000-\$499,999 | \$500,000 & Over | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|
| | Number | | | | | |
| 2003 | 35,200 | 25,500 | 10,000 | 5,400 | 3,900 | 80,000 |
| 2004 | 34,800 | 25,500 | 9,900 | 5,400 | 4,000 | 79,600 |
| 2005 | 34,800 | 25,400 | 9,900 | 5,500 | 4,000 | 79,600 |
| 2006 | 34,500 | 25,200 | 9,900 | 5,600 | 4,100 | 79,300 |
| 2007 | 36,500 | 21,900 | 9,500 | 6,400 | 6,700 | 81,000 |
| 2008 | 36,500 | 21,900 | 9,400 | 6,400 | 6,800 | 81,000 |

**LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 2003-2008**

| Year | \$1,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$99,999 | \$100,000-\$249,999 | \$250,000-\$499,999 | \$500,000 & Over | Total |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|
| | 1,000 Acres | | | | | |
| 2003 | 3,100 | 6,800 | 5,900 | 5,400 | 6,400 | 27,600 |
| 2004 | 3,000 | 6,700 | 5,900 | 5,400 | 6,400 | 27,400 |
| 2005 | 2,900 | 6,600 | 5,800 | 5,300 | 6,600 | 27,200 |
| 2006 | 2,800 | 6,400 | 5,800 | 5,300 | 6,700 | 27,000 |
| 2007 | 3,200 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 9,900 | 26,900 |
| 2008 | 3,200 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 9,900 | 26,900 |